

OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D. C.

January 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: PSB D-44, Coordinated Information Program for the Far East

The OCB Working Group concerned itself primarily with problems of coordination and intensification of the information program in the Far East. In the light of its findings and particularly Mr. Streibert's recommendations following his trip through the area, the working group submits the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. In general, inter-agency coordination in information programs and activities in the Far East is adequate and is functioning satisfactorily.

2. Available facilities are being utilized satisfactorily. In the case of recently created facilities planning is actively underway to increase utilization.

3. The expansion of USIA programs in Thailand, Burma, and the Associated States, reductions in the Philippines and revisions in Malaya correspond with the priorities established for the general area by recent NSC decisions.

4. Continuance of psychological warfare programs in Tokyo with inter-agency coordination is essential.

5. The working group recommends to the OCB that PSB D-44 be cancelled and that the working group be dissolved. It further recommends that any continuing or future problems of coordination be assigned to other working groups or directly to agencies having responsibility for a given sector of the Far East or a particular subject matter. The following subjects should be assigned to other working groups or agencies as indicated:

a. Technical aspects of international broadcasting - working group - TPID

b. Operations on Formosa, operations directed to Communist China and overseas Chinese - Working Group on NSC 146/2 and NSC 166/1

c. Operations in Indonesia - Working Group on NSC 171/1

d. Operations in Southeast Asia (except Indonesia) - Working Group on NSC 5405 with appropriate coordination with Working Group on PSB D-23.

- e. Operations in Japan including coordination of psychological warfare activities - Working Group on NSC 125/2 and NSC 125/6.
- f. Operations in Korea - Working Group on NSC 170/1.
- g. Continued reprogramming of information activities including JOHN and JADE radio transmitters - USIA and other agencies as required.
- h. Coordination of information activities undertaken by FOA and USIA - The two agencies primarily concerned.
- i. Improvement of utilization of information policy guidances (infoguides) - Agencies in direct consultation with USIA.

The annex sets forth in greater detail the group's findings in the several parts of the overall question assigned to it by the OCB.

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Executive Officer

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Revisions in the Report to the Executive Officer, dated
January 19, 1954

Below are the revisions in the Report to the Executive Officer, dated
January 19, 1954, resulting from the OCB Assistants' meeting of January 22:

1. Page 1 - Subject - Change to read "PSD D-44, Coordinated Information Program for the Far East"
2. Page 1, paragraph 1.b., delete "USIA guidances are followed by Tokyo operators."
3. Page 3, paragraph e., delete entire paragraph and substitute the following:

"e. Singapore and the Federation of Malaya. In consideration of British plans to prepare Malaya for self-government, the USIS program will be directed toward assuring that the climate of the country is anti-communist and sympathetic to US foreign policy considerations. The USIS headquarters will be moved to Kuala Lumpur, de-emphasizing Singapore. In view of communist terrorist and subversive pressure, information programs will be undertaken in consultation with the British authorities to keep labor, Chinese 'new village' and other significant elements from falling under Communist influence or control. Continued emphasis will be given to methods of assisting the British in programs to prepare the people of Malaya to assume the responsibility of self-government and civic enterprise as a means of contributing to internal stability."

4. Page 4, paragraph h., delete "the Committee for Free Asia,".
5. Page 4, insert new paragraph after first paragraph under 4:

"USIA guidances (infoguides) prepared and transmitted primarily for use by Washington information media and USIS overseas are made available to the Department of Defense. In its discretion they are sent to overseas commands. The infoguides are also available through the diplomatic mission to the Embassy proper, FOA and other interested US official agencies. Any questions of adequacy and distribution are handled by the agency concerned directly with USIA."

6. Page 4, last paragraph, next to last line, change "felt" to "believed".

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